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SUBJECT: CALCUTTA ART SOCIETY OFFER OF PAIR OF
PEAFOWL,INDIAN NATIONAL BIRD.

REFERENCE: NEW DELHI 7127

1. SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK REPORTS THAT
(A) INDIAN BLUE PEAFOWL IS IN PLENTIFUL SUPPLY IN UNITED
STATES.; (B) NATIONAL ZOO BREEDS THEM AND HAS EXCELLENT
SUPPLY.; (C) BIRDS ENTERING UNITED STATES SUBJECT TO

QUARRANTINE, AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NOT CURRENTLY
ISSUING PERMITS FOR ANY AVIAN SPECIES FROM INDIA.; (D)
DANGER OF IMPORTATION ASIAN FORM NEWCASTLE DISEASE WOULD
MAKE NATIONAL ZOO RELUCTANT RECEIVE RARE BIRDS FROM ASIA
LET ALONE MORE COMMON SPECIES.

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2. NATIONAL ZOO DIRECTOR THEODORE REED SUGGESTS THAT

CALCUTTA ART SOCIETY ALTERNATIVELY MIGHT WISH TO COMMISSION
A COPY OF A MOGUL MINIATURE SHOWING PEACOCK IN TRADITIONAL
SETTING FOR PRESENTATION TO AMERICAN PEOPLE. DR. REED
WOULD BE HAPPY TO MOUNT SUCH A PAINTING IN NATIONAL ZOO
BIRD HOUSE WITH APPROPRIATE PLAQUE.

3. CONSULATE GENERAL SHOULD IN ITS DISCRETION ADVISE
CALCUTTA ART SOCIETY OF ABOVE, AND IN ANY CASE, STATE

THAT THE SOCIETY'S GENEROUS OFFER IS GREATLY
APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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